

THE PSALMS - PART 8

Outline #8 WISDOM FOR RIGHTEOUS LIVING

Scripture Song: O Give Thanks to the LORD – Psalm 105:1-5

1. An inspired source of wise counsel

- a) The whole Bible is filled with wise counsel. 2 Timothy 3:16 Which book of the Bible is known for much wisdom for righteous living?
- b) Who was the primary author of the Proverbs? Proverbs 1:1, 2 Peter 1:20-21
- c) Where did Solomon acquire such wisdom? 1 Kings 3:6-12, 4:29-34
- d) How can we find access to that wisdom today? James 1:5, Psalm 119:105

2. Wisdom for righteous living found in the Psalms

- a) Psalm 127 a psalm of Solomon
 - i) Psalm 126:1-5
 - ii) What wisdom for life do you find in this psalm?
- b) Psalm 90 a psalm of Moses.
 - i) Psalm 90:1-6, 7-12, 13-17
 - ii) What wise counsel in this psalm of Moses impacts you as relevant for your life today?
 - iii) What does it mean to "number our days"? v.12
 - iv) How does numbering our days help us to apply our hearts to wisdom?
 - v) What experience in life helped you to realize that life is short and has caused you to view life in a different way?
- c) Psalm 141 a psalm of David
 - i) Psalm 141:1-4, 5-10

- ii) What warning to do see about progression in evil in v.4? (See also Psalm 1:1)
- iii) What can we learn about prayer from this psalm of David?
- iv) What portion of this prayer psalm impresses you the most?
- d) Psalm 89 a psalm of Ethan the Ezrahite
 - i) Who was Ethan the Ezrahite?
 - ii) What important wisdom for righteous living is contained in the opening and closing verses of his psalm? Psalm 89:1,52
- e) Psalm 119 is the longest of the psalms recorded in the Book of Psalms. What wise counsel in this psalm has God used to bless your life? For example:
 - i) v.11 Your word have I hidden in my heart....
 - ii) v.105 Your word is a lamp to my feet...

3. The blessings of righteous living

- a) Psalm 1:1-3, 112:1-9, Psalm 23:1,6
- b) How have you seen the LORD bless your life as you have followed His wise counsel for righteous living?
- c) What is the best way to share with others the blessings that will come when following the wisdom for righteous living contained in the Word of God?

